

St. Louis Area WINTER TROUT PROGRAM

Since 1989, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has stocked rainbow trout as part of the Urban Fishing Program in St. Louis City, later expanding to Kirkwood, Ferguson, Ballwin, Overland, Jennings and the August A. Busch Conservation Area.

This year, MDC will stock over 36,000 trout in twelve St. Louis City and County lakes and five lakes on the August A. Busch Conservation Area. These fish will average 9–11" (with some over 18") and were raised at MDC hatcheries.

Trout-stocking begins in November and runs through February. Many lakes receive two stockings per month, while some (catch-and-release lakes) get stocked less. Stocking dates are not announced ahead of time, but are quickly reported to the **Fish Stocking Hot Line: (636) 300-9651**.

ST. LOUIS WINTER TROUT PROGRAM LAKES

- ▲ August A. Busch Conservation Area (lakes 21, 22, 23, 24 and 28)
- ▲ Boathouse Lake-Carondelet Park (St. Louis City)
- ▲ January-Wabash Lake (City of Ferguson)
- ▲ Jefferson Lake-Forest Park (St. Louis City)
- ▲ Koeneman Park Lake (City of Jennings)
- ▲ O'Fallon Park Lake (St. Louis City)
- ▲ Suson Park lakes 1, 2 and 3 (St. Louis County)
- ▲ Tilles Park Lake (St. Louis County)
- ▲ Walker Lake (City of Kirkwood)
- ▲ Wild Acres Park Lake (City of Overland)
- ▲ Vlasik Park Lake (City of Ballwin)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL ANGLERS

- Age 16 through 64 must possess a valid Missouri fishing permit.
- Wanting to **keep** trout must possess a trout permit. (Catch-and-release anglers do not need a trout permit.)
- Are limited to one fishing pole, from November 1–January 31.
- May not use natural or scented baits as chum.

NOVEMBER 1–JANUARY 31

At Tilles Park Lake, Jefferson Lake-Forest Park, Koeneman Park Lake, Walker Lake, Wild Acres Park Lake and August A. Busch Conservation Area (lakes 21 and 28):

- All trout must be released unharmed.
- Only artificial baits (no natural or scented baits) can be used.

At Suson Park (lakes 1, 2 and 3), Vlasik Park Lake, January-Wabash Park Lake, O'Fallon Park Lake, Boathouse Lake in Carondelet Park and August A. Busch Conservation Area (lakes 22, 23 and 24) and, **after January 31**, at Tilles, Koeneman, Jefferson, Walker, Wild Acres and Busch (lakes 21 and 28):

- Daily limit = 4
- Possession limit = 8
- Any bait or lure may be used.
- No person shall continue to fish for any species after having four (4) trout in possession.

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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**Catch a trout in your
own backyard!**



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